



January Briefs:

KDHE Tobacco Program Holds 'Pre-Bidder's' Workshop

An in-depth review of grant requirements, expectations, grant review process and evidence based strategies will be presented at the "Pre-Bidder's Workshop on Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rolling Hills Refuge in Salina. Cost is \$30 per person, which includes lunch. For registration information contact your local Outreach Coordinator at:

http://www.kdheks.gov/tobacco/map_of_outreach_coords.html

Kansas Spring Public Health Conference Set for Wichita

The Kansas 2006 Spring Public Health Conference to be held on April 11, 12, and 13, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita. This conference will focus on partnering and taking steps together to make our communities in Kansas healthier places to live and grow. Previous Spring conferences (MCH Conference, KPHA Conference, and the Public Health Nursing Conference) are combining to better serve health professionals in Kansas. Plan now to attend. For more information, please e-mail: dfromer@kumc.edu.

KAN Be Healthy Screening Orientation Set for Washburn University

Registered Nurses, not previously Child Health Assessment Nurse Provider (CHANP) certified are invited to attend the KAN Be Healthy Health Screening Tuesday, Mar. 21 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (not required for ARNPs). Location is at Washburn University, Student Union, the Shawnee Room, 1700 SW College Blvd., Topeka, KS. Registration fee is \$50 and deadline is March 15.

For more information call (785) 670-1399 or visit our Web site for other training options at <http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training>.

KDHE Sets Training Dates for Funeral Home Operators

The KDHE Office of Vital Statistics has announced 2006 training classes for funeral homes that want to learn how to file death certificates online or funeral homes that are already online and need additional training for staff.

Training will be held on the following dates: January 12, 26; February 9, 23 and March 9, 23.

Training is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and held at KDHE, Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka. If you are interested in training, please contact Jim Staehli at (785) 296-2675 or Robin Wolfe at (785) 296-1426 to reserve your spot.

National Folic Acid Awareness Week

January 9 through 15 is designated National Folic Acid Awareness Week by the National Council on Folic Acid. The Council is supported in part through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and managed by the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition. Go to <http://www.folicacidinfo.org/campaign/> for more information, toolkit items, and brochures

Fathers - Save the Date!

The Kansas Fatherhood Coalition announces the 4th annual KANSAS FATHERHOOD SUMMIT, March 19-21, 2006, at the Wichita Marriott. The Summit is intended for Social workers, nurses, counselors, home visitors, fathers, mothers, grandparents, Head Start staff, and community leaders. Keynote speakers include Jerry Tello, David Pate, Will Stovall and DJ Eagle Bear-Vanas. New sessions this year are Healthy Marriage Track, Grandparent Track and Domestic Violence Track in addition to the 16 Fatherhood break-out sessions. Registration fee before Feb. 20 will be \$25 for parents/ caregivers and \$75 for practitioners. Watch for registration forms in late December.

New On-Line Registration Payment Option Available for Dry Cleaning Facilities

KDHE's on-line registration option previously only allowed for payment of the registration fee by credit card. The Web site has now been upgraded for 2006 to allow payment by electronic check. This feature will allow the registrant to pay the registration fee using their bank routing and account numbers. The \$100 registration fee will be deducted from the bank account. This is beneficial when owners have separate bank accounts for their business, but no business credit card. A registrant can access the on-line Dry Cleaner Registration Web Page at www.kdheks.gov/dryclean/.

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